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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 1 on page 1 of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is a continuation claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/304,001, filed April 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,554,436, incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 7, at lines 14-23 with the following amended paragraph, previously amended 12/04/2003:

The support structure 2 is made as a clamping assembly and is comprised of the insertable component 26, on which a clamp wedge 36 is slidably affixed, and a rectangular shaped clamp receptacle 38 is also thereon attached. The clamp receptacle 38 or first part (i.e., ~~a first part of the support structure 2~~) will be screwed on to the body of the vehicle by way of carrier structure 13. During the mounting of the mirror assembly, the insertable component or second part 26 is pushed into the clamp receptacle 38. The clamping wedge 36 is firmly secured to the clamp receptacle 38 and the insertable component 26 (i.e., a second part of the support structure 2) by clamping screws 40. The clamp wedge 36 is slidable in a direction at right angles to the entry direction of the insertable component 26 into the clamp receptacle. By means of the sliding of the clamp wedge 36, the insertable component 26 is moved upward, and the clamp wedge 36 presses downward against the upper/lower limits of the clamp receptacle 38.

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Please replace paragraph 2 on page 8, lines 7-13, of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

Upon the insertion of the insertable component or second part 26 into the clamp receptacle 38, the snap-in detent element 42 is retracted, i.e. pressed back, and seats itself in a corresponding recess in the insertable component 26. The support structure 2 is covered by an upper and a lower covering, respectively 48, 49 as well as a mounting cover 50. The mounting cover 50 covers the clamp screws 40 and the snap-in detent 42. In the case of demounting of the mirror assembly, more exactly, regarding the demounting of the mirror head 6 with the support arm 4, principally, the mounting cover 50 must be removed and the screws loosened.

Please replace paragraph 3 on page 8, lines 14-18, of the original specification with the following amended paragraph:

In Fig. 5a is shown a key-activated locking mechanism 52 which is disposed on the clamp receptacle or first part 38 and through which the insertable component or second part 26 is secured in the clamp receptacle 38. The locking mechanism 52 includes a key cylinder 52a and a rotatable latch member 52b for contacting a portion 52c of insertable component or second part 26. The locking mechanism 52 presents a safety measure against theft.